

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently amended) An individual wrapping body comprising:
  - an interlabial pad with a size adapted to be smoothly inserted between female labia, the interlabial pad has a treatment applied thereto to suppress the number of viable microorganism by using sterilization gas; and
  - an individual wrapping container for covering and enclosing the entirety of said interlabial pad, the individual wrapping container having a main body and a lid capable of opening and closing for covering an opening of the main body and;
  - over-wrapping film for covering a gap between the main body and the lid, the over-wrapping film having an opening so that sterilization gas can enter inside the container;
  - wherein the interlabial pad is processed to contain 100 or less live microorganisms for at least a period of six months after the processing according to a direct method of a sterility test.
2. (Currently Amended): ~~An~~ The individual wrapping body as claimed in claim 1, wherein said processing is a disinfection processing.
3. (Currently Amended): ~~An~~ The individual wrapping body as claimed in claim 2, wherein, by said disinfection processing, said interlabial pad is sterilized immediately after manufacturing.
4. (Currently Amended): ~~An~~ The individual wrapping body as claimed in claim 1, wherein said interlabial pad comprises:
  - a permeable surface side sheet facing a body side;
  - a back side sheet facing a garment side, the back side sheet being bonded to said surface side sheet; and
  - an absorber included between said surface side sheet and said back side sheet.
5. (Currently Amended): ~~An~~ The individual wrapping body as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a mini sheet piece on the garment side surface of ~~said~~ a back side sheet,

said mini sheet piece having one or more bonded areas in each side area in the longitudinal direction of said back side sheet; and

an unbonded area in the lateral direction of said back side sheet; said unbonded area forming an opening for inserting a finger between said mini sheet piece and said back side sheet.

6. (Withdrawn) An individual wrapping body as claimed in claim 5, wherein said interlabial pad is folded and enclosed such that said opening for inserting a finger opens.

7. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended ) An individual wrapping body as claimed in claim 5, wherein an interlabial pad is positioned such that said opening for inserting a finger is positioned ~~to face~~ at a right angle to the opening of said individual wrapping body.

8. (Currently Amended) An exterior container[,] comprising ~~a package for packaging more than one individual wrapping body as claimed in claim 1, wherein said package comprises:~~

a package for an individual wrapping body, said individual wrapping body including:  
an interlabial pad with a size adapted to be smoothly inserted between female labia, the interlabial pad has a treatment applied thereto to suppress the number of viable microorganism by using sterilization gas;

an individual wrapping container for covering and enclosing the entirety of said interlabial pad, the individual wrapping container having a main body and a lid capable of opening and closing for covering an opening of the main body;

over-wrapping film for covering a gap between the main body and the lid, the over-wrapping film having an opening so that sterilization gas can enter inside the container;

the interlabial pad is processed to contain 100 or less live microorganisms for at least a period of six months after the processing according to a direct method of a sterility test;

said package including a main body of a container; and

a lid capable of opening and closing for covering an opening part of said main body of the container.

9. (Withdrawn) An exterior container as claimed in claim 8, wherein said package includes an over-wrapping for covering at least said main body of the container.

10. (Previously Presented) An exterior container as claimed in claim 8, wherein said main body of the container of said package is bonded with at least a part of said lid.

11. (Previously Presented) An exterior container as claimed in claim 8, wherein said main body of the container of said package and said lid are continuously formed; and said package is formed by bending said lid towards said main body of the container.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The individual wrapping body as claimed in claim 2, wherein said interlabial pad comprises:

a permeable surface side sheet facing a body side;

a back side sheet facing a garment side, the back side sheet being bonded to said surface side sheet; and

an absorber included between said surface side sheet and said back side sheet.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The individual wrapping body as claimed in claim 3, wherein said interlabial pad comprises:

a permeable surface side sheet facing a body side;

a back side sheet facing a garment side, the back side sheet being bonded to said surface side sheet; and

an absorber included between said surface side sheet and said back side sheet.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The individual wrapping body as claimed in claim 2, further comprising a mini sheet piece on the garment side surface of said a back side sheet,

said mini sheet piece having one or more bonded areas in each side area in the longitudinal direction of said back side sheet; and

an unbonded area in the lateral direction of said back side sheet; said unbonded area forming an opening for inserting a finger between said mini sheet piece and said back side sheet.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The individual wrapping body as claimed in claim 3, further comprising a mini sheet piece on the garment side surface of said ~~a~~ back side sheet,

said mini sheet piece having one or more bonded areas in each side area in the longitudinal direction of said back side sheet; and

an unbonded area in the lateral direction of said back side sheet; said unbonded area forming an opening for inserting a finger between said mini sheet piece and said back side sheet.

16. (Currently Amended) An exterior container, comprising ~~a package for packaging more than one individual wrapping body as claimed in claim 2, wherein said package comprises:~~

a package for an individual wrapping body, said individual wrapping body including:

an interlabial pad with a size adapted to be smoothly inserted between female labia, the interlabial pad has a treatment applied thereto to suppress the number of viable microorganism by using sterilization gas;

an individual wrapping container for covering and enclosing the entirety of said interlabial pad, the individual wrapping container having a main body and a lid capable of opening and closing for covering an opening of the main body;

over-wrapping film for covering a gap between the main body and the lid, the over-wrapping film having an opening so that sterilization gas can enter inside the container;

the interlabial pad undergoes a disinfection processing to be processed to contain 100 or less live microorganisms for at least a period of six months after the processing according to a direct method of a sterility test;

a main body of a container and

a lid capable of opening and closing for covering an opening part of said main body of the container.

17. (Currently Amended) An exterior container, comprising ~~a package for packaging more than one individual wrapping body as claimed in claim 3, wherein said package comprises:~~

a package for an individual wrapping body, said individual wrapping body including:

an interlabial pad with a size adapted to be smoothly inserted between female

labia, the interlabial pad has a treatment applied thereto to suppress the number of viable microorganism by using sterilization gas;

an individual wrapping container for covering and enclosing the entirety of said interlabial pad, the individual wrapping container having a main body and a lid capable of opening and closing for covering an opening of the main body;

over-wrapping film for covering a gap between the main body and the lid, the over-wrapping film having an opening so that sterilization gas can enter inside the container;

said interlabial pad is sterilized immediately after manufacturing by undergoing a disinfection processing to be processed to contain 100 or less live microorganisms for at least a period of six months after the processing according to a direct method of a sterility test;

a main body of a container; and

a lid capable of opening and closing for covering an opening part of said main body of the container.

18. (Currently amended) A pad, the pad being insertable between the labia of a wearer, the pad comprising:

an absorbent material;

a liquid permeable surface sheet, the permeable surface sheet for contacting the labia;

and

a backsheet, the backing sheet for facing a garment worn by a user;

the absorbent material disposed between the liquid permeable surface sheet and the backing sheet;

the liquid permeable surface sheet and the backing sheet bonded together;

the pad treated to reduce the number of live organism to not more than 100 for at least ~~6~~ least 6 months from the time of the treatment.

19. (Currently Amended) An individually wrapping body comprising:

a pad, the pad being insertable between the labia of the wearer, the pad treated to reduce the number of live microorganisms to not more than 100 for at least 6 months from the time of the ~~treatement~~ treatment; and

a wrapping, the wrapping for covering and enclosing the pad.

20. (Currently Amended) A package ~~for containing more than one individually wrapping body of claim 19, the package comprising:~~

a container main body; and

a container lid[.], wherein said package is adapted to contain an individually wrapping body including a pad and a wrapping,

the pad being insertable between the labia of the wearer and treated to reduce the number of live microorganisms to not more than 100 for at least 6 months from the time of the treatment, and the wrapping for covering and enclosing the pad.

21. (Currently Amended) A package system for containing the individually wrapping body of claim 19, the package system comprising:

a container main body;

a container lid; and

the individually wrapping body provided in the container main body[.], wherein said package is adapted to contain an individually wrapping body including a pad and a wrapping,

the pad being insertable between the labia of the wearer and treated to reduce the number of live microorganisms to not more than 100 for at least 6 months from the time of the treatment, and the wrapping for covering and enclosing the pad.

22. (Currently Amended) A pad, the pad being insertable between the labia of a wearer, the pad comprising:

~~an absorbent material;~~

a liquid permeable surface sheet, the permeable surface sheet for contacting the labia;

and

a backing sheet, the backing sheet for facing a garment worn by the wearer;

~~the~~ an absorbent material disposed between the liquid permeable surface sheet and the backing sheet;

the liquid permeable surface sheet and the backing sheet each having an edge, said edges being bonded together;

the pad includes a treatment ~~treated~~ to reduce the number of live microorganisms to not more than 100 for at least 6 months from the treatment; and

the pad further including sterilized by ethylene oxide gas.